

IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) Method of storage and transmission of information generated by a first security module connected to a user unit, this first security module comprising a unique identifier and specific information representative of its functioning, this first module being able to be replaced by a second security module, this method comprising the following steps :

- determination of the specific information contained in the first security module intended for transmission,
- transfer of this information in the user unit,
- storage of this information in the user unit,
- replacement of the first security module by the second security module,
- connection of the user unit on a transmission network,
- initialization of a transfer of information between the second security module and a management center,
- insertion by the user unit, of a data block in the blocks transmitted by the second module, this data block comprising the identifier of the first module and the data specific to said first module.

2. (Currently Amended) Method of storage and transmission according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the transfer of the specific information of the first security module is carried out at regular interval.

3. (Currently Amended) Method of storage and transmission according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the transfer of the specific information of the first security module is carried out each time said information is modified.

4. (Currently Amended) Method of storage and transmission according to claim 1 ~~any one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first module by the second security module.

5. (Currently Amended) Method of storage and transmission according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transfer of the information is authorized as soon as a successful connection with the management center has been carried out.

6. (Currently Amended) Method of storage and transmission according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transfer of the information is authorized by a command sent by the management center.

7. (New) Method of storage and transmission according to claim 2 wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first module by the second security module.

8. (New) Method of storage and transmission according to claim 3 wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first module by the second security module.